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CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

PROVISION OF SUMMARY RECORDS TO SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Note by the Secretariat

BACKGROUND

1. Until 1979 a number of subsidiary organs of the General Assembly received summary records for their meetings. In that year, with the adoption of resolution 34/50 and decision 34/418 of 23 November, the General Assembly decided to discontinue the provision of such records for all subsidiary organs, for an experimental period of one year. The Assembly also requested the Committee on Conferences to monitor the implementation of all measures adopted by the Assembly to control and limit documentation, including those on the provision of meeting records. The Committee on Conferences has considered the question of summary records on several occasions, beginning in 1980 (A/35/32, 1/ para. 41).

2. By its resolution 35/10 B of 3 November 1980, the General Assembly confirmed the continued applicability of its resolution 34/50 in respect of summary records for all those subsidiary organs of the Assembly for which the provision of summary records had been discontinued, for those organs which did not receive summary records prior to the adoption of resolution 34/50 and for those organs which might be established in the future. It further decided to grant exceptions to this rule to the following subsidiary organs in addition to the International Law Commission and the Committee established under General Assembly resolution 32/174:

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(a) Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(b) United Nations Council for Namibia;

(c) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law and Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space for sessions devoted to the preparation of draft conventions and other legal instruments;

(d) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(e) Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization;

(f) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, when holding preparatory sessions for the Conference on the Indian Ocean envisaged in General Assembly resolution 34/80 B of 11 December 1979.

At the same time, these organs were requested to keep their requirements for summary records to a reasonable minimum and to dispense, whenever possible, with meeting records.

3. In September 1981, the Committee, having considered a report by the Secretariat (A/AC.172/64) that provided information on the experience gained during eight months of applying resolution 35/10 B, concluded that too little time had elapsed to allow a final judgement about the usefulness of summary records for the subsidiary organs concerned and decided to continue its review in 1982, including a consideration of possible and viable alternatives to the current practice (A/36/32, 2/ para. 57).

4. Subsequently the General Assembly, in its resolution 36/117 A of 10 December 1981, requested the Committee to undertake a comprehensive study of the rationale underlying the provision of meeting records to the United Nations organs, with a view to identifying criteria for the selection of organs that should receive records in the future, taking fully into account the potential offered by new technologies. During its substantive meetings in May 1982, the Committee accordingly resumed its review of summary records, basing its deliberations on a report prepared by the Secretariat (A/AC.172/74).

5. In its report (A/37/32, 3/ paras. 36-49) the Committee noted that a more restrictive policy as to entitlement to summary records could both generate savings and improve the delivery of other documents. It also observed that the absence of summary records for virtually all subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly in 1980 had not resulted in any discernible loss in the efficiency of the bodies concerned or adversely affected consideration of the relevant issues at the subsequent session of the General Assembly. The Committee nevertheless emphasized that future policy limiting the provision of summary records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly should be such as not adversely to affect the operations and conduct of business of bodies no longer entitled to such records and that alternative ways would need to be devised to satisfy the needs and concerns of

delegations. On the question of which organs should be entitled to summary records, the Committee saw no reason to depart from its earlier recommendation that the only organs that should be so entitled were:

(a) The General Assembly, its Main Committees and the General Committee;

(b) Regular and special sessions of governing bodies of certain United Nations organs and programmes;

(c) Pledging conferences or meetings of ad hoc bodies established for the announcement of voluntary contributions;

(d) Organs engaged in the drafting of international legal instruments;

(e) The United Nations Council for Namibia, given its legislative and executive responsibilities.

The entitlement should not apply to subsidiary bodies of these organs. The Committee recognized that the General Assembly might wish, on an ad hoc basis, to authorize the provision of summary records to other organs, but was unable to identify criteria which would justify such further exceptions.

6. Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences, the General Assembly, in its resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, decided that, for an experimental period of three years, no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be entitled to summary records, with the exception of the following:

(a) Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean;

(b) Commitee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;

(c) International Law Commission;

(d) Legal Sub-Committee of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

(e) Special Committee against Apartheid;

(f) United Nations Commission on International Trade Law;

(g) United Nations Council for Namibia.

The Assembly also decided that summary records should continue to be provided to regular and special sessions of governing bodies of certain United Nations organs and programmes and to pledging conferences or meetings of ad hoc bodies established for the announcement of voluntary contributions by States.

7. In 1983, the Committee continued its consideration of the question of meeting records and had before it a report on comparative costs of preparation of meeting records (A/AC.172/1983/CRP.2). Subsequently, the General Assembly, having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences (A/38/32 4/), by paragraph 10

of its resolution 38/32 E, requested the Committee on Conferences to undertake a study of the feasibility of instituting an abbreviated form of summary record. At its substantive meeting on 30 April 1984, the Committee discussed a report of the Secretariat (A/AC.172/97) which contained an analysis of the factors involved in instituting such a record. The Committee, having examined examples of abbreviated summary records, agreed that the Chairman should write to the relevant United Nations organs describing the Committee's work in this matter and requesting their views on which form of record, the summary or the experimental abbreviated summary, was more appropriate for their purposes. In its resolution 39/68 D of 13 December 1984, the General Assembly noted that the Committee, after consulting with the United Nations organs entitled to receive summary records, would examine further the relative suitability of summary records as currently prepared and the abbreviated summary record prepared on an experimental basis. In 1985, the Acting Chairman of the Committee on Conferences wrote to the Chairmen of the bodies in receipt of summary records to ask for their views. Since not all those contacted had responded before the opening of the Committee's 1985 session, the Committee decided it would be in a better position to pursue the matter in 1986.

8. In compliance with resolution 39/68 D and with section III, paragraph 1, of General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985, the Committee on Conferences considered the question of summary records again at its substantive session in August 1986. The Chairman reported orally on the response to the letter concerning the use of abbreviated summary records: of 10 responses, 9 favoured retaining summary records in their current form. The Committee therefore concluded that although the possibility of instituting some other form of summary record could not be completely ruled out, the overwhelmingly negative reaction showed that the use of the experimental abbreviated summary record should not be pursued.

9. The Committee also had before it a report of the Secretariat (A/AC.172/1986/CRP.1) on the provision of summary records to subsidiary organs of the General Assembly. In paragraph 2 of its resolution 40/243, section III, the Assembly had decided that the experimental arrangements for the provision of summary records, established by the Assembly in its resolution 37/14 C of 16 November 1982, should remain in effect until the Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences, had taken further action. In addition, at its resumed fortieth session, held from 28 April to 9 May 1986, the General Assembly, on the basis of the report of the Secretary-General (A/40/1102 and Corr. 1-3, Add. 1 and Add.1/Corr.1, Add.2 and Add.2/Corr. 1, and Add. 3 and 4) took a number of decisions affecting the entitlements of its subsidiary organs and other United Nations organs to written meeting records (see Assembly decision 40/472 of 9 May 1986). These decisions were reported to the Committee in the conference room paper referred to above.

10. After some discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly a list of organs entitled to receive summary records on a long-term basis. While recognizing the importance of summary records to the work of intergovernmental bodies, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Assembly that it extend for a further three years the experimental arrangement established in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 37/14 C, according to which no subsidiary organs of the General Assembly should be entitled to summary records with the exception of those listed in paragraph 6 above.

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11. The Committee agreed, however, that pledging conferences and meetings of ad hoc bodies established for the announcement of voluntary contributions by States should no longer be entitled to receive summary records. It was further agreed to recommend to the General Assembly that it invite the governing bodies of the United Nations organs and programmes, namely the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, to reconsider their need for summary records.

PRESENT SITUATION

12. In its resolution 41/177 D of 5 December 1986, the General Assembly decided to extend for a further three years the experimental period established under resolution 37/14 C, during which no subsidiary organ of the Assembly shall be entitled to summary records, with the seven exceptions recommended by the Committee on Conferences. At its forty-fourth session, the Assembly, acting on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences, decided to extend the period for a further one year, to 31 December 1990. The Assembly also took note of the decision of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to discontinue its request for summary records.

13. The present entitlements to meeting records are set out in annex I of a note by the Secretary-General on control and limitation of documentation issued for the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly (A/INF/45/1 of 11 May 1990).

14. The following table offers a comparison of the number of meetings covered by précis writers during the years 1975-1979 and 1985-1989 at Headquarters, New York, at Geneva and at Vienna (including meetings of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization prior to 1986):

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Headquarters										
New York	798	853	848	895	988	600	488	469	428	456
Geneva	527	404	505	536	393	348	215	331	335	350
Vienna	-	-	-	20	31	48	8	28	41	42

RECOMMENDATION

15. It can be seen that the decisions of the General Assembly to limit the entitlement to summary records have produced a significant decrease in the work-load, thus freeing conference servicing resources for other priority activities. The Committee on Conferences may, in the light of the experience to date, wish to consider proposing to the General Assembly the adoption of the present experimental arrangements on a permanent basis, subject to periodic monitoring by the Committee.

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 32.

2/ Ibid., Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 32.

3/ Ibid., Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 32.

4/ Ibid., Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 32.

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CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION: REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL RULES AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO THE CONTROL AND LIMITATION OF DOCUMENTATION

Report of the Secretariat

Introduction

1. At its organizational session for 1990, the Committee on Conferences decided to take up at its 1990 substantive session the matter of compliance with directives issued for the planning and submission of documents for sessions of United Nations bodies, with particular attention to the "six weeks' rule", and requested the Secretariat to report on that topic to its substantive session. The present report is submitted in compliance with that request.

Regulations for the control and limitation of documentation

2. The control and limitation of documentation has been a matter of concern for both Member States and the Secretariat throughout the years since the establishment of the Organization. Directives for the control and limitation of documentation are prepared in response to resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly as well as on the basis of analysis by the Secretariat of its experience in processing parliamentary documentation. After review and approval by the Publications Board, the directives are issued by the Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments as addenda to the regulations for the control and limitation of documentation issued as administrative instruction ST/AI/189 on 7 November 1969. This series of directives also covers other aspects of the

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publications policy of the Organization; the directives specifically concerned with the control and limitation of parliamentary documentation include the following:

(a) The initiation, approval and execution of the publications programme of the United Nations;

(b) Documentation work-load estimates;

(c) Requests for document services;

(d) Criteria for the selection of material to be issued as United Nations publications;

(e) Newsletters;

(f) Maximum length of documents submitted in the name of the Secretary-General or of the Secretariat;

(g) Timetable for the planning and submission of documents for sessions of United Nations organs.

3. Compliance is regularly monitored by the Publications Board and its subsidiary bodies; the Board reports annually to the Secretary-General. Since author departments and processing services are represented on the Board and its subsidiary bodies, there is a continuing exchange of views concerning measures to improve the quality and timely submission of documentation and to comply with directives of the General Assembly concerning its control and limitation.

Publications programme of the United Nations

4. In accordance with the directives governing the initiation, approval and execution of the biennial publications programme of the United Nations, in the last quarter of the first year of a biennium, each department or office proposing items for inclusion in the publications programme for the next biennium submits to the Working Committee of the Publications Board information on titles or series, languages of issue, length of manuscripts, size of publications, press runs, anticipated dates for submission of manuscripts and methods of printing. The Working Committee (which includes representatives of processing services and budget services) reviews the proposals and then recommends to the Publications Board a consolidated programme, including estimates of costs of external printing. Once approved by the Publications Board, the programme is incorporated into the programme budget for the biennium; its implementation is monitored by the Publications Board as well as by the departments or offices concerned. The establishment of a biennial publications programme has greatly facilitated the planning of processing publications and improved the control over the volume and costs of publications.

Documentation work-load estimates

5. To assist the Department of Conference Services to establish its processing schedules, each department or office servicing intergovernmental bodies submits every six months estimates of the documentation required by those bodies; information submitted includes a list of documents required, with the number of pages, the language of submission, the languages into which translation is required, the expected date of submission and the date the document is required. On the basis of this information, the Documents Control Section prepares an analysis of the anticipated work-load for the various processing services during the year. These estimates are up-dated through continuous contacts between the Documents Control Section and the various submitting offices. They also serve as the basis for reports on the status of documentation for the submission submitted to intergovernmental bodies prior to each session.

Requests for document services

6. All requests for translation, composition, reproduction and external printing must be addressed to the Documents Control Section, accompanied by appropriate authorization. The signature on the request form is taken as certification that the regulations for the control and limitation of documentation have been complied with by the submitting department or office. The submission is reviewed by the Documents Control Section. The system of control works well, facilitates work-load planning and provides a means of monitoring compliance with directives on the control and limitation of documentation.

Criteria for the selection of material

7. While in the case of official records, recurrent publications and other documents concerning which specific instructions have been given by an intergovernmental body the mandate and criteria for publication are clear, in the case of other documents, particularly studies and reports, there is a need for a selection process. Criteria for the selection of material to be issued as United Nations publications are set forth in administrative instruction ST/AI/189/Add.17:

> "A document may be considered for issuance as a United Nations publication if it is of public interest, reaches a standard of intellectual endeavour that reflects credit on the United Nations and does not substantially duplicate material that has already been published. There must also be some reasonable expectation of positive advantage to the United Nations in terms of greater public awareness of the work of the United Nations or of providing practical assistance to the membership of the United Nations, such as by the publication of technical manuals or handbooks. The prospect of sales revenue should not be the main determining factor."

These criteria are known to author departments and are applied in the consideration of proposals for the biennial publications programme or any subsequent additions to that programme.

Newsletters

8. Newsletters are a relatively economical and effective way to disseminate periodically information concerning selected activities of the Organization; the increased use of desktop publishing techniques makes them even more attractive. To exercise control over the publication of newsletters, a directive has been issued setting out guidelines for the preparation of newsletters and requiring appropriate authorization of the Publications Board. Newsletters are included in the publications programme of the Organization.

Maximum length of documents submitted in the name of the Secretary-General or of the Secretariat

9. The Secretary-General has directed that documents originating in the Secretariat for submission to United Nations organs and bodies shall not, with certain exceptions, exceed 24 single-spaced pages in length. If, in particular cases of complexity of subject or abundance of detail, heads of departments or offices consider that reports and studies cannot be adequately prepared within the limit of 24 pages, they are required to write to the Under-Secretary-General for Conference Services and Special Assignments citing the decision calling for the report or study, describing the proposed method of treatment, indicating the estimated length of the document and stating the reasons why it is considered necessary to exceed the 24-page limit. If the Under-Secretary-General accepts that exceptional circumstances exist, the submitting department or office is authorized to prepare the report or study up to the agreed limit on length.

10. With relatively few exceptions, the documents submitted during the 1988-1989 biennium did not exceed the 24-page limit. Exceptions were authorized in the case of 27 documents in 1988 and 31 documents in 1989. Most of these documents were comprehensive reports prepared in response to specific requests of the intergovernmental body concerned and contained information that could not be suitably communicated within the limit of 24 pages.

Timetable for the planning and submission of documents for sessions of United Nations organs

11. A timetable for the planning and submission of documents for sessions of United Nations organs has been established, and there are regular consultations between the secretaries of those bodies and the Documents Control Section in the scheduling of the processing of pre-session documentation, as indicated in paragraph 5 above. According to this timetable, all documents to which the 6 weeks' rule established in General Assembly resolution 33/56 of 14 December 1978 applies are to be submitted to the Documents Control 10 weeks before the opening of a session. Eight weeks before the opening of the session, the department or office concerned circulates, with the annotated agenda of the session, a report on the state of preparation of the necessary documentation in all required languages.

12. Experience has shown continuing difficulty in complying with the 6 weeks' rule. Correspondence with committee secretaries and others concerned with the preparation and timely submission of documents has revealed that the following problems account for late submission:

(a) The timing of the session of an intergovernmental body reporting to the General Assembly, which often makes it impossible to submit the report six weeks prior to the opening of the General Assembly;

(b) The need to take into account the latest relevant political developments;

(c) Bottle-necks caused by the submission of many documents at the same time, thus overloading the editing, translating and other processing facilities of the Department of Conference Services;

(d) The need in certain cases to obtain responses from Member States or other organizations of the United Nations system;

(e) The short deadline for the preparation of a complex document requiring extensive research and analysis.

13. While, as indicated in the previous paragraphs, attempts are made to estimate the volume and timing of the flow of pre-session documentation, experience has shown that the initial estimates may not provide a reliable basis for planning; continuous adjustments are necessary in the light of the documents actually submitted for processing. The situation may be further complicated by the need to give absolute priority to the processing of in-session documentation.

14. Efforts continue to improve the timely processing and distribution of documents. These include greater use of word-processing in author departments; consultations between author departments, editors and the Documents Control Section at the earliest possible stage of the preparation of documents; identification of documents that can appropriately be sent for contractual translation, thus relieving the strain on Secretariat translation services; introduction of electronic typesetting using word-processing documents; and improved control and scheduling of the processing of documents through the Document Records, Information and Tracking System (DRITS).

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBER STATES CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 7 of resolution 41/177 D of 5 December 1986, the General Assembly requested the Committee on Conferences to examine the matter of the number of communications from Member States circulated as United Nations documents and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

2. During its substantive session in 1988, the Committee took up the matter on the basis of a Secretariat report (A/AC.172/127) showing the number of such documents, the number of pages involved, the Member States that had requested their circulation, the estimated cost and the extent of duplication, if any, between documents of the General Assembly and documents of the Security Council.

3. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 43/222 C of 21 December 1988, the General Assembly renewed its appeal to Member States to exercise restraint in their requests for the circulation of communications as United Nations documents and appealed to Member States making such requests to endeavour to keep the length of the communications to a minimum. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Committee to keep the matter under review and to report to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session. At its organizational session in 1989, the Committee decided to consider a report on the matter at its 1990 session. The present report is submitted pursuant to that decision.

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4. Annex I to the present report lists communications from Member States which were circulated as documents of the United Nations during the first six months of 1990. During this period, a total of 1,373 pages were circulated; at the rate of $650 per page, the estimated notional cost of processing and circulating these communications is $892,450. Some 89 countries or groups of countries submitted 280 communications, ranging in length from 1 to 25 pages; the average length was 4.9 pages, and the median length was 3 pages; only 27 submissions were over 10 pages long; only 4 countries submitted more than 10 communications. Of the total number of communications, 134 (about 48 per cent) were, at the request of the Member State concerned, circulated as documents of both the General Assembly and the Security Council.

5. Annex II provides, in summary form, information on communications circulated from February 1987 through December 1989. Although there are no very clear trends, the number of communications from Member States seems to have decreased since 1988, but their length has increased.

Annex I

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBER STATES CIRCULATED
AS UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS

January-June 1990

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
2/1	A/45/73-S/21065	Oman	7
	A/44/912-S/21064	Nicaragua	3
4/1	A/45/74-S/21068	France	9
15/1	A/45/82-S/21083	Democratic Kampuchea	4
	A/45/81-S/21082	Democratic Kampuchea	5
	A/45/80-S/21081	Democratic Kampuchea	3
	A/45/79-S/21080	Pakistan	2
	S/21079	Iraq	3
	S/21078	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3
16/1	A/45/83-S/21086	Democratic Kampuchea	8
	S/21085	Iraq	8
17/1	A/45/85-S/21090	Democratic Kampuchea	3
	S/21088	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	4
18/1	A/45/87-S/21094	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	3
	S/21093	Iraq	2
	S/21092	Iraq	5
	S/21091	Cuba	3
22/1	A/45/90-S/21098	Palestine	2
	S/21097	Iraq	2
	A/45/92-S/21096	Lebanon	2
	A/45/89-S/21095	Singapore	4
25/1	A/44/916-S/21107	Turkey	25
	S/21106	Iraq	5
	S/21105	Iraq	3
	S/21113	Cuba	3
26/1	S/21114	Chad	13
29/1	S/21116	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8
	S/21115	Indonesia	2

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
1/2	A/45/94	Poland	4
	A/45/95-S/21119	Democratic Kampuchea	5
	A/45/93-S/21118	USSR	3
3/2	S/21121	Cuba	5
	S/21122	United States of America	2
5/2	S/21128	Iraq	2
	A/45/97-S/21125	Botswana	2
	S/21126	Sudan	2
	S/21127	Panama	2
	S/21129	Iraq	4
	A/45/96-S/21124	Nicaragua	19
6/2	A/45/99-S/21130	Cambodia	2
	A/45/98	Japan	2
	A/45/110	Tunisia	6
7/2	A/45/111-S/21132	Albania	2
	A/45/114-S/21134	Saudi Arabia	2
	A/45/112-S/21133	Kuwait	5
8/2	A/45/115	Japan	2
9/2	A/44/918	Japan	2
	A/45/116-S/21137	USSR	2
	S/21135	Afghanistan	16
	A/44/919-S/21138	Cyprus	6
12/2	S/21140	Iraq	6
	S/21141	Iraq	4
13/2	A/45/121-S/21143	USSR	4
	A/45/118-S/21142	Guyana	2
	A/45/119	Japan	2
	A/45/120	Ghana	3
14/2	A/45/122-S/21144	Tunisia	2
	A/45/124-S/21146	Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam	2
	A/45/123-S/21145	Haiti	2

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
15/2	A/45/127-S/21149	China, France, USSR, United Kingdom and United States of America	4
	A/45/125-S/21148	Madagascar	3
	A/45/126	Algeria	2
16/2	A/45/128-S/21150	Indonesia	2
	A/S-17/6	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden	6
	S/21147	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5
20/2	A/45/133-S/21156	Cambodia	2
	A/45/132	India	3
	A/45/131	Bulgaria	2
21/2	A/S-17/9	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2
	A/S-17/8	Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and United States of America	11
	A/45/135	USSR	2
	A/45/136-S/21159	Argentina and United Kingdom	10
	A/45/134-S/21157	USSR	7
	S/21158	Angola	4
22/2	A/S-17/12	Cambodia	2
23/2	A/45/139-S/21163	Yugoslavia	4
	A/45/151-S/21166	Lebanon	2
	S/21165	Chad	2
	A/45/152	Yugoslavia	2
	A/44/922-S/21162	Turkey	5
	A/45/140-S/21164	Yugoslavia	14
	A/45/138-S/21161	Indonesia and Ireland	22
26/2	A/45/153-S/21167	Senegal	2
	A/44/923-S/21169	Spain	2
	S/21170	Iraq	6
27/2	A/45/154-S/21173	Venezuela	2
	S/21171	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4
28/2	A/45/155-S/21174	Palestine	2
	A/44/924	Japan	2

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
2/3	A/45/156-S/21175	Lebanon	2
	S/21177	Iraq	1
	NV/90/18	Peru	4
6/3	A/45/158	Pakistan	2
	A/45/157	Pakistan	2
7/3	S/21179	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	5
8/3	A/45/160-S/21182	Oman	4
9/3	S/21180	Iraq	10
	A/45/161	Panama	2
13/3	A/45/164-S/21187	Thailand and USSR	7
	NV/90/9	Algeria and Costa Rica	5
14/3	A/45/165-S/21189	Afghanistan	3
	A/44/928-S/21190	Turkey	6
	A/45/166-S/21192	Yugoslavia	5
15/3	S/21195	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	7
16/3	A/45/167-S/21196	China, France, USSR, United Kingdom and United States of America	6
19/3	A/45/168	Japan	2
20/3	A/45/173	Japan	2
	A/45/174	Hungary	3
	A/45/171-S/21198	Madagascar	2
	A/45/169-E/1990/45	Egypt	3
21/3	A/44/929	Algeria	3
23/3	A/45/179-S/21204	Saudi Arabia	2
	A/45/180	Romania	4
	S/21202	Iran	10
	A/45/177	USSR	8
	A/45/178	Hungary	3

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
26/3	A/44/931-S/21206	Honduras	3
	S/21205	Iraq	9
27/3	A/45/181-S/21211	Lebanon	2
	S/21210	Cuba	2
	S/21208	Chad	3
	A/44/932-S/21212	Turkey	5
	A/INF/45/3	United States of America	3
28/3	A/45/184-S/21216	Pakistan	2
	A/45/183-S/21214	Cambodia	4
	A/45/182-S/21213	Saudi Arabia	3
	S/21209	Iraq	11
29/3	S/21222	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1
	A/45/186-S/21220	Uruguay	2
	S/21223	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2
	A/44/934-S/21219	Turkey	6
30/3	A/45/188-S/21224	Malawi	6
2/4	A/45/189-S/21225	Israel	11
3/4	A/45/190-S/21226	Egypt	2
4/4	A/44/935-S/21227	Bolivia	1
	A/45/141	Austria and Czechoslovakia	10
5/4	S/21229	Sudan	2
	A/45/201-S/21228	Afghanistan	3
	A/45/202-S/21230	Israel	12
	A/45/203-S/21231	Israel	14
6/4	A/45/206-S/21237	Lebanon	4
	A/45/205-S/21236	Israel	20
9/4	A/45/208-S/21239	Cambodia	3
	A/45/209-S/21240	Cambodia	6
	A/45/207-S/21238	Israel	14
10/4	A/45/212-S/21244	Cambodia	2
	A/45/211-S/21243	Lebanon	2
11/4	A/45/215	United Kingdom	2
	A/45/214	United States of America	1
	A/45/213	France	2
	A/44/937-S/21245	Turkey	6

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12/4	A/45/216-S/21248	Israel	15
16/4	S/21250	Iraq	1
	S/21249	Cuba	4
18/4	A/45/219-S/21252	Egypt	3
	A/45/220-S/21253	Cambodia	3
	A/45/221-S/21254	Israel	10
	A/45/222-S/21255	Israel	19
19/4	A/45/223	Czechoslovakia	4
	A/45/224	United Republic of Tanzania	2
	A/45/225-S/21256	Israel	14
20/4	A/45/227-S/21260	Israel	9
23/4	A/45/228-S/21263	Lebanon	1
	A/44/939-S/21266	Spain	2
	A/45/229-S/21267	Palestine	3
	A/S-18/11	Mexico	2
	A/S-18/10	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Viet Nam	2
	S/21264	Iraq	9
	A/45/230-S/21268	Israel	9
24/4	A/45/253-S/21269	Palestine	3
	A/S-18/12	Cambodia	3
	A/44/938-S/21265	Cyprus	4
	A/45/254-S/21271	Israel	12
25/4	A/44/942-S/21273	Turkey	3
	A/44/941-S/21272	Nicaragua	11
26/4	S/21275	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1
	A/45/255	Solomon Islands	4
27/4	A/45/258-S/21276	Palestine	2
	S/21277	Iraq	8
30/4	A/45/260-S/21280	USSR	2
	E/1990/64	USSR, Byelorussian SSR and Ukrainian SSR	4
	A/45/259-S/21279	Cyprus	6

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
1/5	S/21278	Cuba	3
	A/45/261	Albania	2
2/5	A/45/262	United Kingdom	12
	A/45/264-S/21283	Israel	14
	A/44/944-S/21282	Ireland	25
4/5	A/45/265-S/21284	Israel	21
	A/45/266-S/21285	Israel	10
	A/45/267-S/21287	Israel	10
7/5	A/45/268	South Africa	2
8/5	S/21289	Iraq	2
	S/21291	Iraq	8
	A/45/269-S/21288	Israel	14
	A/45/270-S/21290	Israel	9
9/5	A/44/945-S/21292	Turkey	2
	A/45/272-S/21293	Israel	6
10/5	NV/90/12	Hungary and Swaziland	4
	NV/90/13	Poland and Swaziland	2
11/5	S/21294	Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom	2
14/5	NV/90/14	Papua New Guinea and Republic of Namibia	4
15/5	S/21296	Sudan	2
	S/21295	Chad	5
	NV/90/15	Belize and Chile	5
16/5	S/21297	Pakistan	5
	A/45/276-E/1990/88	Albania	5
17/5	S/21298	Chad	2

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
18/5	S/21299	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2
	E/1990/89	Philippines	2
21/5	A/44/948-S/21304	Honduras	2
	S/21301	Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom	3
22/5	A/45/283-S/21308	Palestine	4
	A/45/282-S/21307	Saudi Arabia	3
	A/45/280	Iraq	2
23/5	A/45/287-S/21327	Saudi Arabia	4
	A/45/286	Japan	2
	A/45/285-S/21311	Palestine	2
	A/44/949-S/21328	Turkey	3
	A/45/284	Egypt	3
	S/21330	Iraq	2
	S/21329	Iraq	4
24/5	S/21333	Chad	2
	A/45/288-S/21332	Ireland	2
	A/45/289	Yemen	2
	S/21334	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	9
25/5	A/45/290-S/21335	USSR	2
	A/45/291-S/21336	Egypt, USSR	6
	S/21337	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7
29/5	A/44/950-S/21316	Guatemala	2
	A/45/293-S/21318	China, France, USSR, United Kingdom and United States of America	3
30/5	S/21319	Cuba	4
	S/21320	Cuba	2
	A/45/295-S/21321	Palestine	4
	A/44/951-S/21322	Madagascar	2
	A/44/952-S/21324	Cyprus	3
31/5	A/45/298-S/21339	Japan	2
	A/45/294	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	10

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
1/6	A/45/300	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2
	A/45/301	Argentina	2
	A/45/299	Saint Lucia	9
	A/44/953-S/21342	Turkey	4
	NV/90/16	Burundi	16
5/6	S/21343	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	6
	A/45/302	Ecuador	5
6/6	A/45/304-S/21344	Botswana	6
7/6	A/44/954-S/21347	Spain and Venezuela	2
	S/21346	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3
	S/21348	Iraq	3
	NV/90/18	Bulgaria and Republic of Namibia	3
	NV/90/17	Swaziland and Yugoslavia	4
	A/45/305-S/21345	Iraq	12
8/6	A/45/307	South Africa	8
11/6	S/21353	Iraq	10
12/6	A/45/310-S/21355	Oman	3
13/6	A/45/311-S/21356	Palestine	2
	A/45/312	USSR	6
	A/45/313	Guyana	5
14/6	S/21359	Iraq	10
15/6	S/21358	United States of America	20
18/6	A/45/314	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru	3
21/6	A/45/315-S/21364	Cambodia	2
	S/21365	Cuba	3
	A/44/956-S/21367	Turkey	3
	S/21366	Cuba	6
	NV/90/19	Mauritania and Peru	4

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
22/6	A/45/316-S/21368	Tunisia	2
	A/45/317-S/21369	Palestine	5
	NV/90/20	Chile and Mongolia	5
	A/45/318-S/21370	Afghanistan	4
25/6	A/45/320-S/21371	Cambodia	4
	A/45/322-S/21373	Cambodia	3
	A/45/321-S/21372	Cambodia	5
26/6	S/21374	USSR	2
	A/45/323-S/21375	Cambodia	3
27/6	S/21377	Afghanistan	2
	A/45/326-S/21378	Palestine	2
	A/44/958	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua	13
28/6	A/45/325	Chad	2
	A/44/959	Guatemala	6
29/6	A/45/328	Argentina	2

Annex II

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBER STATES CIRCULATED AS UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS

February 1987 to December 1989

	Number of communications	Total number of pages (English text)	Average length
1987			
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	75	241	3.2
March	50	356	7.1
April	70	341	4.9
May	48	148	3.1
June	76	286	3.8
July	71	388	5.5
August	103	325	3.2
September	97	263	2.7
October	99	410	4.1
November	72	332	4.6
December	80	238	3.0
Total a/	841	3 328	4.0
1988			
January	62	172	2.8
February	81	301	3.7
March	142	362	2.6
April	133	539	4.0
May	75	346	4.6
June	95	737	7.8
July	115	342	3.0
August	93	275	3.0
September	56	228	4.1
October	69	535	7.8
November	58	219	3.8
December	61	165	2.7
Total	1 040	4 221	4.1

	Number of communications	Total number of pages (English text)	Average length
1989			
January	71	205	2.9
February	47	202	4.3
March	69	329	4.8
April	57	309	5.4
May	47	202	4.3
June	65	419	6.4
July	66	417	6.3
August	67	291	4.3
September	47	348	7.4
October	75	502	6.7
November	61	243	4.0
December	70	203	2.9
Total	742	3 670	4.9

a/ For eleven months.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBER STATES CIRCULATED AS DOCUMENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 7 of resolution 41/177 D of 5 December 1986, the General Assembly requested the Committee on Conferences to examine the matter of the number of communications from Member States circulated as United Nations documents and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-third session.

2. During its substantive session in 1988, the Committee took up the matter on the basis of a Secretariat report (A/AC.172/127) showing the number of such documents, the number of pages involved, the States or observers that had requested their circulation, the estimated cost and the extent of duplication, if any, between documents of the General Assembly and documents of the Security Council.

3. In paragraphs 1 and 2 of its resolution 43/222 C of 21 December 1988, the General Assembly renewed its appeal to Member States to exercise restraint in their requests for the circulation of communications as United Nations documents and appealed to Member States making such requests to endeavour to keep the length of the communications to a minimum. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the Assembly requested the Committee to keep the matter under review and to report to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session. At its organizational session in 1989, the Committee decided to consider a report on the matter at its 1990 session. The present report is submitted pursuant to that decision.

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* A/AC.172/132/Add.1.

4. Annex I to the present report lists communications from Member States, observer States and other observers which were circulated as documents of the United Nations during the first six months of 1990. During this period, a total of 1,327 pages were circulated; at the rate of $650 per page, the estimated notional cost of processing and circulating these communications is $862,550. Some 83 Member States or observers submitted 269 communications, ranging in length from 1 to 25 pages; the average length was 4.9 pages, and the median length was 3 pages; only 25 submissions were over 10 pages long; only 4 Member States or observers submitted more than 10 communications. Of the total number of communications, 134 (about 50 per cent) were, at the request of the Member State, observer State or other observer concerned, circulated as documents of both the General Assembly and the Security Council.

5. Annex II provides, in summary form, information on communications circulated from February 1987 through December 1989. Although there are no very clear trends, the number of communications from Member States, observer States and other observers circulated as documents of the United Nations seems to have decreased since 1988, but their length has increased.

Annex I

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBER STATES, OBSERVER STATES AND OTHER OBSERVERS CIRCULATED AS UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS

January-June 1990

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
A. Member States			
2/1	A/45/73-S/21065	Oman	7
	A/44/912-S/21064	Nicaragua	3
4/1	A/45/74-S/21068	France	9
15/1	A/45/82-S/21083	Democratic Kampuchea	4
	A/45/81-S/21082	Democratic Kampuchea	5
	A/45/80-S/21081	Democratic Kampuchea	3
	A/45/79-S/21080	Pakistan	2
	S/21079	Iraq	3
	S/21078	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3
16/1	A/45/83-S/21086	Democratic Kampuchea	8
	S/21085	Iraq	8
17/1	A/45/85-S/21090	Democratic Kampuchea	3
	S/21088	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	4
18/1	A/45/87-S/21094	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	3
	S/21093	Iraq	2
	S/21092	Iraq	5
	S/21091	Cuba	3
22/1	S/21097	Iraq	2
	A/45/92-S/21096	Lebanon	2
	A/45/89-S/21095	Singapore	4
25/1	A/44/916-S/21107	Turkey	25
	S/21106	Iraq	5
	S/21105	Iraq	3
	S/21113	Cuba	3
26/1	S/21114	Chad	13
29/1	S/21116	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	8
	S/21115	Indonesia	2

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
1/2	A/45/94	Poland	4
	A/45/95-S/21119	Democratic Kampuchea	5
	A/45/93-S/21118	USSR	3
3/2	S/21121	Cuba	5
	S/21122	United States	2
5/2	S/21128	Iraq	2
	A/45/97-S/21125	Botswana	2
	S/21126	Sudan	2
	S/21127	Panama	2
	S/21129	Iraq	4
	A/45/96-S/21124	Nicaragua	19
6/2	A/45/99-S/21130	Cambodia	2
	A/45/98	Japan	2
	A/45/110	Tunisia	6
7/2	A/45/111-S/21132	Albania	2
	A/45/114-S/21134	Saudi Arabia	2
	A/45/112-S/21133	Kuwait	5
8/2	A/45/115	Japan	2
9/2	A/44/918	Japan	2
	A/45/116-S/21137	USSR	2
	S/21135	Afghanistan	16
	A/44/919-S/21138	Cyprus	6
12/2	S/21140	Iraq	6
	S/21141	Iraq	4
13/2	A/45/121-S/21143	USSR	4
	A/45/118-S/21142	Guyana	2
	A/45/119	Japan	2
	A/45/120	Ghana	3
14/2	A/45/122-S/21144	Tunisia	2
	A/45/124-S/21146	Lao People's Democratic Republic and Viet Nam	2
	A/45/123-S/21145	Haiti	2
15/2	A/45/127-S/21149	China, France, USSR, United Kingdom and United States	4
	A/45/125-S/21148	Madagascar	3
	A/45/126	Algeria	2

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
16/2	A/45/128-S/21150	Indonesia	2
	A/S-17/6	Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden	6
	S/21147	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	5
20/2	A/45/133-S/21156	Cambodia	2
	A/45/132	India	3
	A/45/131	Bulgaria	2
21/2	A/S-17/9	Lao People's Democratic Republic	2
	A/S-17/8	Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and United States	11
	A/45/135	USSR	2
	A/45/136-S/21159	Argentina and United Kingdom	10
	A/45/134-S/21157	USSR	7
	S/21158	Angola	4
22/2	A/S-17/12	Cambodia	2
23/2	A/45/139-S/21163	Yugoslavia	4
	A/45/151-S/21166	Lebanon	2
	S/21165	Chad	2
	A/45/152	Yugoslavia	2
	A/44/922-S/21162	Turkey	5
	A/45/140-S/21164	Yugoslavia	14
	A/45/138-S/21161	Indonesia and Ireland	22
26/2	A/45/153-S/21167	Senegal	2
	A/44/923-S/21169	Spain	2
	S/21170	Iraq	6
27/2	A/45/154-S/21173	Venezuela	2
28/2	A/44/924	Japan	2
2/3	A/45/156-S/21175	Lebanon	2
	S/21177	Iraq	1
6/3	A/45/158	Pakistan	2
	A/45/157	Pakistan	2
8/3	A/45/160-S/21182	Oman	4
9/3	S/21180	Iraq	10
	A/45/161	Panama	2
13/3	A/45/164-S/21187	Thailand and USSR	7

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
14/3	A/45/165-S/21189	Afghanistan	3
	A/44/928-S/21190	Turkey	6
	A/45/166-S/21192	Yugoslavia	5
16/3	A/45/167-S/21196	China, France, USSR, United Kingdom and United States	6
19/3	A/45/168	Japan	2
20/3	A/45/173	Japan	2
	A/45/174	Hungary	3
	A/45/171-S/21198	Madagascar	2
	A/45/169-E/1990/45	Egypt	3
21/3	A/44/929	Algeria	3
23/3	A/45/179-S/21204	Saudi Arabia	2
	A/45/180	Romania	4
	S/21202	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	10
	A/45/177	USSR	8
	A/45/178	Hungary	3
26/3	A/44/931-S/21206	Honduras	3
	S/21205	Iraq	9
27/3	A/45/181-S/21211	Lebanon	2
	S/21210	Cuba	2
	S/21208	Chad	3
	A/44/932-S/21212	Turkey	5
	A/INF/45/3	United States	3
28/3	A/45/184-S/21216	Pakistan	2
	A/45/183-S/21214	Cambodia	4
	A/45/182-S/21213	Saudi Arabia	3
	S/21209	Iraq	11
29/3	S/21222	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1
	A/45/186-S/21220	Uruguay	2
	S/21223	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2
	A/44/934-S/21219	Turkey	6
30/3	A/45/188-S/21224	Malawi	6
2/4	A/45/189-S/21225	Israel	11

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
3/4	A/45/190-S/21226	Egypt	2
4/4	A/44/935-S/21227	Bolivia	1
	A/45/141	Austria and Czechoslovakia	10
5/4	S/21229	Sudan	2
	A/45/201-S/21228	Afghanistan	3
	A/45/202-S/21230	Israel	12
	A/45/203-S/21231	Israel	14
6/4	A/45/206-S/21237	Lebanon	4
	A/45/205-S/21236	Israel	20
9/4	A/45/208-S/21239	Cambodia	3
	A/45/209-S/21240	Cambodia	6
	A/45/207-S/21238	Israel	14
10/4	A/45/212-S/21244	Cambodia	2
	A/45/211-S/21243	Lebanon	2
11/4	A/45/215	United Kingdom	2
	A/45/214	United States	1
	A/45/213	France	2
	A/44/937-S/21245	Turkey	6
12/4	A/45/216-S/21248	Israel	15
16/4	S/21250	Iraq	1
	S/21249	Cuba	4
18/4	A/45/219-S/21252	Egypt	3
	A/45/220-S/21253	Cambodia	3
	A/45/221-S/21254	Israel	10
	A/45/222-S/21255	Israel	19
19/4	A/45/223	Czechoslovakia	4
	A/45/224	United Republic of Tanzania	2
	A/45/225-S/21256	Israel	14
20/4	A/45/227-S/21260	Israel	9
23/4	A/45/228-S/21263	Lebanon	1
	A/44/939-S/21266	Spain	2
	A/S-18/11	Mexico	2
	A/S-18/10	Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mongolia and Viet Nam	2
	S/21264	Iraq	9
	A/45/230-S/21268	Israel	9

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
24/4	A/S-18/12	Cambodia	3
	A/44/938-S/21265	Cyprus	4
	A/45/254-S/21271	Israel	12
25/4	A/44/942-S/21273	Turkey	3
	A/44/941-S/21272	Nicaragua	11
26/4	S/21275	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1
	A/45/255	Solomon Islands	4
27/4	S/21277	Iraq	8
30/4	A/45/260-S/21280	USSR	2
	E/1990/64	USSR, Byelorussian SSR and Ukrainian SSR	4
	A/45/259-S/21279	Cyprus	6
1/5	S/21278	Cuba	3
	A/45/261	Albania	2
2/5	A/45/262	United Kingdom	12
	A/45/264-S/21283	Israel	14
	A/44/944-S/21282	Ireland	25
4/5	A/45/265-S/21284	Israel	21
	A/45/266-S/21285	Israel	10
	A/45/267-S/21287	Israel	10
7/5	A/45/268	South Africa	2
8/5	S/21289	Iraq	2
	S/21291	Iraq	8
	A/45/269-S/21288	Israel	14
	A/45/270-S/21290	Israel	9
9/5	A/44/945-S/21292	Turkey	2
	A/45/272-S/21293	Israel	6
11/5	S/21294	Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom	2
15/5	S/21296	Sudan	2
	S/21295	Chad	5

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
16/5	S/21297	Pakistan	5
	A/45/276-E/1990/88	Albania	5
17/5	S/21298	Chad	2
18/5	S/21299	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2
	E/1990/89	Philippines	2
21/5	A/44/948-S/21304	Honduras	2
	S/21301	Australia, Austria, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and United Kingdom	3
22/5	A/45/282-S/21307	Saudi Arabia	3
	A/45/280	Iraq	2
23/5	A/45/287-S/21327	Saudi Arabia	4
	A/45/286	Japan	2
	A/44/949-S/21328	Turkey	3
	A/45/284	Egypt	3
	S/21330	Iraq	2
	S/21329	Iraq	4
24/5	S/21333	Chad	2
	A/45/288-S/21332	Ireland	2
	A/45/289	Yemen	2
	S/21334	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	9
25/5	A/45/290-S/21335	USSR	2
	A/45/291-S/21336	Egypt, USSR	6
	S/21337	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	7
29/5	A/44/950-S/21316	Guatemala	2
	A/45/293-S/21318	China, France, USSR, United Kingdom and United States	3
30/5	S/21319	Cuba	4
	S/21320	Cuba	2
	A/44/951-S/21322	Madagascar	2
	A/44/952-S/21324	Cyprus	3
31/5	A/45/298-S/21339	Japan	2
	A/45/294	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	10

Date	Document symbol	Origin of communication	Number of pages (English text)
1/6	A/45/300	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	2
	A/45/301	Argentina	2
	A/45/299	Saint Lucia	9
4/6	A/44/953-S/21342	Turkey	4
5/6	A/45/302	Ecuador	5
6/6	A/45/304-S/21344	Botswana	6
7/6	A/44/954-S/21347	Spain and Venezuela	2
	S/21346	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	3
	S/21348	Iraq	3
	A/45/305-S/21345	Iraq	12
8/6	A/45/307	South Africa	8
11/6	S/21353	Iraq	10
12/6	A/45/310-S/21355	Oman	3
13/6	A/45/312	USSR	6
	A/45/313	Guyana	5
14/6	S/21359	Iraq	10
15/6	S/21358	United States	20
18/6	A/45/314	Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru	3
21/6	A/45/315-S/21364	Cambodia	2
	S/21365	Cuba	3
	A/44/956-S/21367	Turkey	3
	S/21366	Cuba	6
22/6	A/45/316-S/21368	Tunisia	2
	A/45/318-S/21370	Afghanistan	4
25/6	A/45/320-S/21371	Cambodia	4
	A/45/322-S/21373	Cambodia	3
	A/45/321-S/21372	Cambodia	5
26/6	S/21374	USSR	2
	A/45/323-S/21375	Cambodia	3

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27/6	S/21377	Afghanistan	2
	A/44/958	Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua	13
28/6	A/45/325	Chad	2
	A/44/959	Guatemala	6
29/6	A/45/328	Argentina	2
B. Observer States			
27/2	S/21171	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	4
7/3	S/21179	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	5
15/3	S/21195	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	7
5/6	S/21343	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	6
C. Other Observers			
22/1	A/45/90-S/21098	Palestine	2
28/2	A/45/155-S/21174	Palestine	2
23/4	A/45/229-S/21267	Palestine	3
24/4	A/45/253-S/21269	Palestine	3
27/4	A/45/258-S/21276	Palestine	2
22/5	A/45/283-S/21308	Palestine	4
23/5	A/45/285-S/21311	Palestine	2
30/5	A/45/295-S/21321	Palestine	4
13/6	A/45/311-S/21356	Palestine	2
22/6	A/45/317-S/21369	Palestine	5
27/6	A/45/326-S/21378	Palestine	2

Annex II

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBER STATES, OBSERVER STATES AND OTHER OBSERVERS CIRCULATED AS UNITED NATIONS DOCUMENTS

February 1987-December 1989

	Number of communications	Total number of pages (English text)	Average length
1987			
January	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
February	75	241	3.2
March	50	356	7.1
April	70	341	4.9
May	48	148	3.1
June	76	286	3.8
July	71	388	5.5
August	103	325	3.2
September	97	263	2.7
October	99	410	4.1
November	72	332	4.6
December	80	238	3.0
Total a/	841	3 328	4.0
1988			
January	62	172	2.8
February	81	301	3.7
March	142	362	2.6
April	133	539	4.0
May	75	346	4.6
June	95	737	7.8
July	115	342	3.0
August	93	275	3.0
September	56	228	4.1
October	69	535	7.8
November	58	219	3.8
December	61	165	2.7
Total	1 040	4 221	4.1

	Number of communications	Total number of pages (English text)	Average length
1989			
January	71	205	2.9
February	47	202	4.3
March	69	329	4.8
April	57	309	5.4
May	47	202	4.3
June	65	419	6.4
July	66	417	6.3
August	67	291	4.3
September	47	348	7.4
October	75	502	6.7
November	61	243	4.0
December	70	203	2.9
Total	742	3 670	4.9

a/ For eleven months.